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SUBJ: RATIONALIZATION OF NATO DEFENSE

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1. THE DANISH DEFENSE COMMAND HAS NOTIFIED THE MAAG THAT THE DANISH ARMY WILL PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL TWO HUNDRED (200) TOW ANTI-TANK MISSILES IN CY '76. THIS WILL INCREASE THE ARMY'S INVENTORY OF THIS ANTI-TANK WEAPON SYSTEM TO ELEVEN HUNDRED (1100) MISSILES AND SEVENTY-EIGHT (78) LAUNCHERS.

2. THE NEW PURCHASE IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE MAAG AND THE DANISH MILITARY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY OF AN ADEQUATE DEFENSE AGAINST THE CURRENT ARMOR THREAT BUT ALSO OF THE RATIONALIZATION OF NATO DEFENSE EFFORTS.

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3. THE MAAG HAS ALSO BEEN STRESSING THE NEED TO SUPPLE-

MENT THE TOW SYSTEM WITH THE DRAGON ANTI-TANK SYSTEM.  
THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE DANISH ARMY WILL NEGOTIATE  
AN INITIAL PURCHASE OF THE DRAGON SYSTEM DURING CY '77.  
MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION ABOUT DRAGON DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE  
REPORTED WHEN RECEIVED.  
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